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Docket: 16356.486 (DC-01916)  
Customer No: 000027683

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:  
Condon, Pat et al.

Serial No. 09/467,706

Filed: December 20, 1999

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
CONFIGURING COMPUTERS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated September 3, 2003, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1, 6 and 11 are amended and new claims 21 and 22 are added. Claims 1-22 remain in the application. Re-examination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.